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## 1. 108 Regiment of Quang Nam:

## a. 19 Battalion:

- (1) 211 Company.
- (2) 212 Company.
- (3) 213 Company.

## b. 50 Battalion:

- (1) 215 Company.
- (2) 216 Company.
- (3) 217 Company.

## c. 77 Battalion (Support):

- (1) 226 Company (SKZ).
- (2) 227 Company (engineering).
- (3) 228 Company (artillery).
- (4) 229 Company ("kamikazi").

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## d. 79 Battalion:

- (1) 223 Company.
- (2) 224 Company .
- (3) 225 Company.

803 Regiment of Interzone V<sup>1</sup>

## 2. Command post:

- a. Commander: Phan Ham, 37 years old; bachelor of philosophy degree in 1941; from Quang Nam; middle class; married, a Communist opportunistically.
- b. Deputy commander: Ha Vi Tung, also chief of staff.
- c. Regimental political commissar: Thai.

## 3. Political section:

- a. Chief: Tran Nhat Do.
- b. Deputy: Trinh Khai.

## 4. Staff:

- a. Chief of staff: Ha Vi Tung.
- b. Deputy: Thieu, in charge of tactics and training.

## 5. Administration:

- a. Chief: Duong Loan.
- b. Deputy: Nguyen Van An.

## 6. Support battalion: formerly 121 Battalion; engineering and artillery.

## 7. 365 Battalion (well-trained shock battalion):

- a. 111 Company.
- b. 112 Company.
- c. 113 Company.
- d. 114 Company.

## 8. 39 Battalion:

- a. 214 Company.
- b. 215 Company.
- c. 216 Company.

## 9. 59 Battalion:

- a. 2 Company.
- b. 4 Company.
- c. 6 Company.

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95 Regiment of Quang Tri

10. Command post:

- a. Commander: Le Van Tri.<sup>2</sup>
- b. Deputy: Ho Phu.
- c. Political commissar: Tien.

11. Administrative section:

- a. Information section.
- b. Personnel section.
- c. Political section.
- d. Quarter-master section.

12. Staff.

13. Health department.

14. 227 Battalion:

- a. Command:
  - (1) Commander: Hoang Dinh Thai.
  - (2) Deputy: Tran Van Chau.
  - (3) Political commissar: Le Trong Chuyen.
- b. 9 Company.
- c. 117 Company.
- d. 119 Company
- e. 120 Company.
- f. Equipment: 4 machineguns, 8 light machineguns, 1 81mm mortar, 2 60mm mortars, 5 51mm mortars, 2 SKZ.

15. 302 Battalion:

- a. Command:
  - (1) Commander: Tran Xuan Lu.
  - (2) Deputy: Duong.
  - (3) Political commissar: Nguyen Su.
- b. 51 Company.
- c. 61 Company.
- d. 152 Company.
- e. 154 Company.
- f. 155 Company.

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g. Equipment: 6 60mm mortars, 5 machineguns, 10 light machineguns, 50 machine pistols, 2 SKZ, and 400 rifles.

16. 310 Battalion:

a. Command:

(1) Commander: Nguyen So.

(2) Deputy: Le Kiem.

b. 93 Company.

c. 150 Company:

(1) Commander: Yen.

(2) Deputy: Hoi.

d. 153 Company:

(1) Commander: Quoc Ham.

(2) Deputy: Canh.

e. 156 Company:

(1) Commander: Nguyen Vinh.

(2) Deputy: Lang.

f. Equipment: 4 machineguns, 18 light machineguns, 30 machine pistols, 300 rifles, 1 81mm mortar, 4 60mm mortars, 3 51mm mortars, 1 bazooka, 1 grenade launcher (lance-bombes).

17. 86 Company, directly under the command post.

18. 102 Company, directly under the command post.

19. 202 Company, directly under the command post.

18 Regiment of Quang Binh

20. Command post:

a. Commander: Vuong Tuan Kiet. About 40 years old, formerly chief of 101 Regiment of Thua Thien. Mandarin background; bachelor. Has often been criticized in Communist councils; possibly has nationalist tendencies.

b. Deputy commander: Tong Thai. Age 48; married. Gifted in radio work.

c. Political commissar: Nguyen Quang Hien, aka Quoc Dung. About 40 years old; from Ha Tinh. Formerly political commissar of the 103 Regiment of Ha Tinh. A convinced Communist. Often criticized recently in Communist councils for the attention and money he spends on his 20 year old wife of 15 months.

d. Deputy political commissar: Nguyen Xuan Bon. Age 40. From Canh Duong, Quang Binh province, from a rich family. Married; wife and children are presently at Canh Duong. Discontented because he does not approve of the political line of the Communist Party.

e. Chief of staff: Tong Thai.

f. Deputy chief of staff: Pham Bon. Formerly a company commander in the 436 Battalion of the Quang Trung Regiment, aka the 9 Regiment of Nghe An.

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When this battalion was transferred to Quang Binh to be incorporated into the 18 Regiment, Bon was given his present job. Bachelor. Discontented; might rally to the National government if the occasion arose.

21. Political section:

- a. Chief: Phan Canh. Age 35. From Chau Phong, Ha Tinh. Formerly private secretary to Nguyen Quang Hien when the latter was political commissar of the 103 Regiment. Convinced Communist.
- b. Deputy chief: Nguyen Ngoc Bom. From Canh Duong, Quang Binh. Younger brother of Nguyen Xuan Bon.

22. Administrative section:

- a. Chief: Nguyen Mau Dat. Age 25. From Quang Xa, Quang Binh. Formerly political commissar in the signal company of the 18 Regiment. A convinced Communist.
- b. Deputy chief: Truong Ba Quynh. Age 40. Formerly head of the administrative section but reduced to deputy after several errors involving money.

23. Accounting section:

- a. Chief: Nguyen Van Dam. Age 35. Formerly a sergeant of riflemen in the French colonial army, then chief of the signal company of the 18 Regiment. Then made director of the farm for development of production for the regiment at Qui Dat; sent to the command post of the Binh-Tri-Thien front at Hoa My for training; then put into present position.

24. Health section:

- a. Chief: Tran Thuy. Age 30. Formerly in charge of the infirmary of Bach Ngoc, Nghe An; then head nurse of the 436 Battalion before assuming present position.

25. 274 Battalion, aka 430 Battalion:

a. Command post:

- (1) Commander: Le Van Tho. Age 26. Formerly deputy chief of the 436 Battalion of the 9 Regiment of Nghe An. Then deputy chief of the 274 Battalion before replacing Le Van Tri as battalion chief.
- (2) Deputy commander: Le Van Mein. Age 27. Formerly a company commander in the 319 Battalion of the 101 Regiment of Thua Thien. Convinced Communist. Bachelor.
- (3) Political commissar: Dang Ba. Age 28. From Tam Ky, Quang Ngai. Formerly political commissar in the 2 Company of the 274 Battalion. Married. Hardened Communist.

b. 2 Company, aka 20 Company:

- (1) Commander: Duong Duc Tuong.
- (2) Deputy commander: Cao Ba Sang.
- (3) Political commissar: Ho Xuan Hoai.

c. 3 Company, aka 30 Company:

- (1) Commander: Le Viet Dung.
- (2) Deputy commander: Nguyen Bang.

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(3) Political commissar: Truong Van Tri.

d. 40 Company, aka 118 Company:

(1) Commander: Nguyen Dinh The. Age 26. Formerly political commissar of a company in the 302 Battalion of the 95 Regiment of Quang Tri. Took training courses at Hoa My before becoming company commander. Bachelor; discontented; might possibly rally to the National government.

(2) Deputy commander: Pham Dinh To.

(3) Political commissar: Nguyen Van Thu.

e. 50 Company, aka 92 Company:

(1) Commander: Nguyen Duc Than.

(2) Deputy commander: Nguyen Xuan Hieu.

26. 326 Battalion, aka 410 Battalion:

a. Command post:

(1) Commander: Tran Tu Son. Age 25. From North Vietnam. Formerly deputy battalion chief at the Hoa My, Quang Tri training school for section and company chiefs. Bachelor.

(2) Deputy commander: Co The Hung. Age about 25. Formerly chief of the 4 Company (of the 274 Battalion) detached to the Quang Ninh district of Quang Binh, having a complete autonomy of action. Then became chief of the regional forces at Le Thuy district, Quang Binh. Trained at Hoa My, then assumed present post.

(3) Political commissar: Nguyen Van Thong. Age 30. Formerly chief of the political section of the 95 Regiment of Quang Tri, then transferred to present post.

b. 97 Company:

(1) Commander: Truong Nhi. Age 24. Formerly a section chief in the 310 Battalion of the 95 Regiment. Trained at Hoa My. Deputy company commander of the 97 Company, then commander. Likes to reason; often criticized in meetings.

(2) Deputy commander: Tran Thuy.

(3) Political commissar: Nguyen Hoc.

c. 98 Company, aka 4 Company.

d. 112 Company, aka 160 Company.

e. 115 Company:

(1) Commander: Cao Xuan An.

27. 332 Battalion, aka 420 Battalion:

a. Command post:

(1) Commander: Thai Can. Age 25. Formerly chief of the 56 Company of the 436 Battalion of the 9 Regiment of Nghe An. Then studied modern strategy with the 304 Division in Thanh Hoa, after which he was named deputy battalion chief in the 18 Regiment.

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(2) Deputy commander: Nguyen Van Tinh. Age 29. From Hanoi. Before 1945, was secretary of railways at Thuan Ly, Dong Hoi. Studied the same course as Thai Can with the 304 Division. Might rally to the National government.

b. 101 Company:

(1) Commander: Phan Ai. Age 24. Formerly a section chief in the 56 Company of the 436 Battalion of the 9 Regiment of Nghe An. Then became deputy commander of the 56 Company and then promoted to his present post. A not very convinced Communist.

(2) Deputy commander: Ton That Nguyen.

(3) Political commissar: Hoang Huong.

c. 102 Company:

(1) Commander: Le Ung. Age 25. Formerly section chief in the 2 Company of the 274 Battalion. Then deputy company commander of the 2 Company before being transferred to the 102 Company. Bachelor. Nationalist.

d. 103 Company:

(1) Commander: Nguyen Cu.

(2) Deputy commander: Le Hoai.

(3) Political commissar: Tran Ngoi.

e. 104 Company:

(1) Commander: Nguyen Chuong.

(2) Deputy commander: Nguyen Tran.

28. 74 Company, directly under the command post:

a. Commander: Huynh.

b. Deputy commander: Van Duc Quang.

29. 96 Company, aka 166 Company, directly under the command post:

a. Commander: Dang Man.

b. Deputy commander: Nguyen Phong.

30. 98 Company, directly under the command post:

a. Commander: Truong Cong Khai.

b. Deputy commander: Hua.

Comments

1. [redacted] Viet Minh Order of Battle dated 1 November 1953 states that the 803 Regiment also includes the 314 Battalion.
2. [redacted] on 16 March 1953 that Col. Le Van Tri, commander of the Viet Minh 95 Regiment, had been killed during operations north of Hue.

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